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TO: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on General Government
Senate and House Fiscal Agencies

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SUBJECT: Sec. 822h of Public Act 252 of 2014 report

Sec. 822h of Public Act 252 of 2014 states:

The department of technology, management, and budget, working jointly with the department of state police, shall review and evaluate the feasibility of repurposing the one division building in Grand Rapids for a new state police crime laboratory. By January 1, 2015, the department of technology, management, and budget shall report to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on general government and the senate and house fiscal agencies on the results of that review, including matters considered, any recommendations, and the reasons for those recommendations.

To comply with the requirements of the Act, on May 14th, 2014 Kathy Fay, Michigan State Police (MSP) Facilities Manager and Captain Greg Michaud, Forensic Science Division (FSD) Lab Director had the opportunity to tour office space at One Division NW in Grand Rapids. The facility was evaluated as a possible location for a joint new Grand Rapids Forensic Laboratory/6th District Headquarters facility. Also in attendance was James Clark, Occupancy Section Manager of the DTMB Real Estate Division. It should be noted that this building also houses the Grand Rapids Police Department.

The MSP Personnel have reported the following concerns if the facility were to be utilized as a laboratory:

- There is no vehicle access for agencies dropping off evidence. Agencies would have to park in a private ramp (\$1 per half hour) across the street or in a city ramp down the block.
- There is no location to store crime scene vehicles or bomb squad vehicles. The bomb squad vehicle is currently stored at the Grand Rapids Lab.
- There is no garage for a vehicle exam area.
- The MSP was informed by the current occupants of heavy trucks passing frequently on the street, raising concerns that vibration issues could impact sensitive equipment.
- The placement of instruments on the 4th floor will require engineering tests to determine load-bearing capacity.
- While there is space available in the basement, the MSP observed a great number of pillars that could impact their ability to design an efficient lab space.

- The MSP was also provided with information that the basement has periodic water infiltration. The related humidity would have a detrimental impact on the lab.
- There is no delivery area to the basement. They have a lift from the basement to ground level for trash receptacles. MSP was concerned about problems with cylinder deliveries.

Conclusion:

The office area on 4th floor is quite open and has much natural light and the location is suitable due to the proximity to both US-131 and I-196, but the concerns outweigh the positive attributes. The facility would require substantial renovation with respect to air handling, electrical, plumbing and other concerns to make it unsuitable and expensive for laboratory use. Further, the lack of vehicle access, storage and structural designs make One Division an unsuitable location for this type of facility.

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